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TOPEKA GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that 18 individuals were indicted on Nov. 3, 2004, by a federal grand jury in Topeka, Kan. Those indicted include:

- Six defendants who are charged with conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and other crimes in Geary County, Kan. in May and June 2004 including: **Stinson Ray Johnson**, 36, Shreveport, La.; **Anthony Craig Demery**, 35, Junction City, Kan.; **Anthony Ray Jones**, 37, Junction City, Kan.; **Cordy Gordon, Jr.**, 43, Junction City, Kan; **Raquita Yakima Sanders**, 37, Junction City, Kan; and **Nicole Marie Rucker**, 35, Junction City, Kan.

Johnson is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and four counts of distribution of crack cocaine. **Demery** is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and four counts of distribution of crack cocaine. **Jones** is charged with one count of conspiracy to possess crack cocaine and four counts of distribution of crack cocaine. **Gordon** is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. **Sanders** is charged with charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and seven counts of distribution of crack cocaine. **Rucker** is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and two counts of distribution of crack cocaine.

If convicted, the defendants face up to 20 years in federal prison and a \$1 million fine on each count of distribution of crack cocaine and a maximum penalty of not less than 5 years and not more than 40 years in prison and a \$4 million fine on the conspiracy charge. The maximum penalties increase for defendants who have a prior felony drug conviction to up to 30 years in prison and a \$2 million fine for distribution of crack cocaine; and not less than 10 years in prison and a \$4 million fine on the conspiracy charge.

The case was investigated by the Junction City Police Department and is being

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prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Luedke.

- **Michael John Coffey**, 49, Phoenix, Ariz., and **Jose Garcia Bautista**, 26, Phoenix, Ariz., who are charged with one count of conspiracy to possess cocaine with intent to distribute and one count of possessing cocaine with intent to distribute in March 2004 in Russell County, Kan.

If convicted, Coffey and Bautista face a maximum penalty of not less than 5 years and not more than 40 years in federal prison and a \$2 million fine. The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Luedke.

- **Carl Joseph Hughes**, 19, Waverly, Kan., who is charged with one count of threatening bank personnel over the phone and one count of attempted extortion.

According to the indictment, Hughes made a threat by means of an explosive on Sept. 4, 2004 and he attempted to obtain money from the First National Bank in Waverly, Kan.

If convicted, Hughes faces up to 10 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine on the charge of making a threat and up to 20 years and a \$250,000 fine on the attempted extortion count. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy M. Hendershot.

- **Zeferino Olivas Ortega, Jr.**, 29, Odessa, Texas, who is charged with one count of possessing with intent to sell 1,000 pounds of marijuana on Oct. 30, 2004 in Lyon County, Kan.

If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of not less than five years and not more than 40 years in prison and a \$2 million fine. If a defendant has a prior felony drug conviction, the maximum penalty increases to not less than 10 years and not more than life in prison and a \$4 million fine. The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Hendershot.

- **Abel Garcia**, 22, Laredo, Texas, who is charged with one count of possessing with intent to sell 6 kilograms of powered cocaine on Oct. 22, 2004 in Lyon County, Kan.

If convicted, Garcia faces a maximum penalty of not less than 10 years and not more than life in prison and a \$4 million fine. If a defendant has a prior felony drug conviction the maximum penalty increases to not less than 20 years and not more than life in prison and an \$8 million fine. The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Hendershot.

- **Fredy Edgardo Lara -Dubon**, 27, Sunnyvale, Calif., who is charged with one count of possession with intent to distribute 1,342.5 grams of a mixture containing

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methamphetamine on Oct. 10, 2004 in Jackson County, Kan.

If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of not less than 10 years and not more than life in prison and a \$4 million fine. The case was investigated by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Hough.

- **Pedro Xavier Nazario-Rivera**, 20, being held in the Wabaunsee County Jail, who is charged with one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine on Oct. 20, 2004 in Wabaunsee County, Kan.

If convicted, Nazario-Rivera faces a maximum penalty of not less than 10 years and not more than life in prison and a \$4 million fine. The case was investigated by the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Hough.

- Three defendants who are charged with conspiracy to distribute more than 14 kilograms of a mixture containing cocaine on Oct. 24, 2004. They are **Victor Hugo Ruellas-Villa**, 30, Phoenix, Ariz.; **Horacio Lara-Banuelas**, 45, Kansas City, Kan.; and **Francisco Saenz-Lara**, 48, Kansas City, Kan.

If convicted, they face a maximum penalty of not less than 10 years and not more than life in prison and a \$4 million fine. If defendants have a prior felony drug conviction the maximum penalty increases to not less than 20 years and not more than life in prison and an \$8 million fine. The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Tris Hunt.

- **Alejandro M. Trujillo**, 33, Emporia, Kan., who is charged with failing to appear in court for a hearing in another federal case in which he faces criminal charges.

If convicted, Trujillo faces up to 10 years in prison to be served consecutive to the sentence in the underlying case. The case was investigated by the U.S. Marshals Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Mattivi.

- **Diana Marie Calvin**, 33, Salina, Kan., who is charged with two counts of making false statements to the Salina Housing Authority on forms to qualify for public housing and one count of embezzlement of \$13,585 in government funds in the form of rental subsidies.

If convicted, Calvin faces up to five years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine on each of the charges of making a false statement and up to 10 years and a \$250,000 fine on the embezzlement count. The case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Luedke.

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As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.